

RECREATION NEWS

INCOME TAX PREPARATION

Free Income Tax Preparation is held on Fridays (through April 9th), 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Sponsored by AARP.

SUMMER CAMP

If you are interested in receiving information regarding our Summer Camp program, call the Recreation Department at (305)866-3635 to leave your name and address.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING

A Defensive Driving class will be held on Wednesday, March 24th and March 31st, 1:30 – 5:30 p.m.  
Fee: \$10.00. Call (305)466-5725 to register.

SURFSIDE TO EXPAND RECREATION PROGRAMS

At the February meeting of the Town Commission, a public process of deciding upon and implementing new recreational programs in Surfside was initiated. Proposed by Vice Mayor Tim Will, the initiative will include meetings of the Town's Recreation Advisory Board to help provide the public with opportunities for participation in the process. Chaired by Commissioner Frank MacBride, the Board will invite citizens' suggestions and will make recommendations for new

and expanded recreation programs at Surfside's Community Center, parks, and playgrounds.

Meetings of the Board will be publicly noticed so anyone interested can attend. Recommendations that result from the process will be discussed at Town Commission meetings prior to implementation.

2004 SURFSIDE EVENTS CALENDAR

The Surfside Town Commission, Surfside Tourist Board, and Surfside Recreation Department are all busy at work preparing for a tremendous lineup of events, concerts, shows and celebrations for the Surfside Community Center during 2004. Mark your calendars today!

- 3/17/04: St. Patrick's Day Celebration: "Cloggers and Alden McRay"
- 4/8/04: Jewish Cultural Celebration:  
featuring comedian Danny Tadmore
- 5/9/04: Mother's Day Show: "Best of Broadway"
- 5/31/04: Memorial Day Ceremonies
- 6/20/04: Father's Day Show: "Roman Festival"
- 7/4/04: Independence Day Program
- 8/13/04: South American Fiesta
- 9/6/04: Labor Day Event: "Spirit of Aloha"
- 10/11/04: Comedy Night: featuring Marty Burals and Jerry Leader
- 11/11/04: Veterans' Day Ceremonies
- 11/18/04: Surfside Stars Show
- 12/31/04: New Year's Eve Celebration

COMMISSION MEETING TUESDAY MARCH 9, 2004 at 8:00 pm

TOWN COMMISSION

- PAUL NOVACK.....Mayor
- TIMOTHY WILL .....Vice Mayor
- FRANK MACBRIDE .....Commissioner
- MELBA MANERO .....Commissioner
- ALAN RUBIN.....Commissioner
- Town E-Mail .....surfclerk@the-beach.net

TOWN OFFICIALS

- EDUARDO RODRIGUEZ.....Town Manager
- NANCY FERNANDEZ.....Asst. Town Mgr./Town Clerk
- STEPHEN H. CYPEN .....Town Attorney
- LAWRENCE BOEMLER.....Police Chief

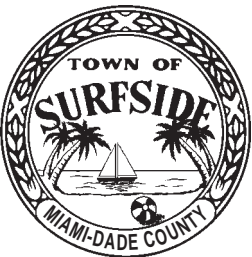
BUSINESS NUMBERS

- TOWN HALL .....(305) 861-4863
- COMMUNITY CENTER .....(305) 866-3635
- TENNIS COURTS .....(305) 866-5176
- TOURIST BOARD .....(305) 864-0722
- LIBRARY .....(305) 865-2409
- SURFSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT ....(305) 861-4862

EMERGENCY ONLY  
FIRE/POLICE (305) 861-1115  
ALL OTHER: (305) 861-4862

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CHARTER AMENDMENT AND ZONING INFORMATION

The upcoming Charter Amendment referendum will allow the people of Surfside to decide if they want to reserve to themselves the final decision over any increase in zoning restrictions on a Town-wide or district-wide basis. If approved with a "yes" vote by the people on March 16, any possible future increase in what is generally allowed in each of the Town's zoning districts would have to be approved by the Planning and Zoning Board, then by the Town Commission, then by the people at a regular election.

However, the authority to grant or deny variances would still be within the authority of the Town Commission. Since variances are consider "quasi-judicial" they cannot

be put to a public referendum vote. State law requires that a variance request be considered on a "case by case" basis and decided by Town officials. A variance pertains to any particular property, while the Charter Amendment applies to entire zoning districts.

Passage of the Charter Amendment would provide Surfside with some important permanent district-wide protection that does not exist today. Nevertheless, it is vital for Surfside's Town officials to continue to enforce a policy against variances and special exceptions that would still be possible under the law. In the last twelve years, the Town Commission has granted a total of zero variances for height, density or setbacks. New offi-

cials and future Town Commissions would still have authority over many zoning matters including variance requests from developers.

The Charter Amendment is a major step forward for our community. Maintaining policies against overdevelopment will still be, and will always in the future be, a crucial part of protecting Surfside from the damage that has been incurred by other communities. Some communities have suffered from zoning district changes and increases, changes in use, and some by variances. Any community that seeks to preserve itself must protect itself from both. An informed citizenry is Surfside's best defense against manipulation by special interests.

ELECTION NOTICE

The Town of Surfside General Municipal and Special Election is scheduled for Tuesday, March 16, 2004. The following persons have been certified by the Miami-Dade Elections Department as declared candidates for the below listed positions:

- Mayoral Seat: Charles W. Burkett/ Joseph J. Dobrich/ Timothy R. Will
- Seat # 1 Frank MacBride Jr./ James Mackenzie
- Seat # 2 Ruben Coto/ Michael Salzhauer
- Seat # 3 Steven Levine/ Howard Seth Weinberg
- Seat # 4 Orestes J. Jimenez/ David Steinfeld

All absentee ballot requests for the March 16, 2004 election must be processed through and obtained from the Miami-Dade Elections Department. Please direct your

questions to the Division of Absentee Ballots at (305)499-8444. Only the detailed written instructions, in English and Spanish, concerning the absentee ballot request process, as well as the absentee ballot request form, are available at Town Hall. Absentee ballots will only be issued to and collected from the absentee voter or their designee by the Miami-Dade Elections Department.

Please note that if you request absentee ballots for both the March 9, 2004 Miami-Dade County Presidential Preference and the March 16, 2004 Surfside General Municipal and Special Election, one absentee ballot will be issued for each election and both completed absentee ballots must be returned to the Miami-Dade Elections Department.



CANDIDATES FOR THE MARCH 16, 2004 ELECTION

Please note that the following biographical information was provided by each candidate, and the Town of Surfside is not responsible for the accuracy or completeness of its contents.



MAYORAL SEAT



**Charles W. Burkett**, 42, was born and grew up in Miami Beach and moved to Surfside in 1995. Mr. Burkett graduated from the University of Miami and began a career as a preservationist, renovating art-deco properties on Miami Beach. The Federal Government has recognized many of his properties as Historic Renovation Projects. His focus has been to preserve historical features in all the renovation projects he undertakes. Development and preservation through the restoration of older and historic properties is his only occupation. He has served as a Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce Board Member and Chairman of its Code Enforcement Committee for many years. He served on Miami Beach's Nuisance Abatement Board and Community Development Block Grant Board, allocating federal monies to needy organizations like Meals on Wheels and Log Cabin Nursery for the disabled in North Beach. He served as Commissioner of the Miami Beach Housing Authority for eight years, including four years as Chairman, where he managed a \$22 million budget and staff of 40.

MAYORAL SEAT



**Dr. Joseph J. Dobrich**, a former university professor, taught graduate and undergraduate courses in government, economics and banking. Born in NYC and a Surfside resident since 1990, he received his Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Political Science, Economics and Sociology from the New School for Social Research. He also pursued studies at Columbia University, the University of Strasbourg in France, and at The Hague Academy of International Law in the Netherlands. Dr. Dobrich has worked as a translator at the United Nations and Department of State in Washington, D.C., where his duties included interpreting for the U. S. President and the Secretary of State. Fluent in more than 20 languages, he has taught at many universities around the globe and has also served as a senior economist for major multinational banks and corporations.

MAYORAL SEAT



**Vice Mayor Timothy R. Will** has, for the last 11 years, been involved in public service to our community. He served this past year as Vice Mayor, four years before that as a Town Commissioner, and six years before that as Chairman and member of the Town's Planning and Zoning Board. In addition, Mr. Will has served as a Coordinator of Team Surfside and has dedicated time to volunteer programs and projects in our area. Mr. Will, 55, recently concluded his career as a high tech executive, and now teaches high school for Miami-Dade County. He is multi-lingual and is a veteran of both the U.S. Army and the Peace Corps. Mr. Will has a Masters Degree in City and Regional Planning from Ohio State University. As a neighborhood planner and community organizer in Columbus, Ohio and New Orleans, La for 11 years, he worked to revitalize neighborhoods by providing services to low income homeowners. As the Executive Director of the non-profit Neighborhood Housing Services and as the founding employee of the Neighborhood Development Foundation, he worked to increase homeownership and the consequent rehabilitation and preservation of the housing stock in urban neighborhoods. Mr. Will and his wife, the former Eleanor Blanco, have lived in Surfside for 13 years. They have a daughter, a senior at Georgia Tech who will be commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Navy upon graduation, and a son who is a junior in the Scholars' Academy at Miami Beach Senior High School.

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**Commissioner Frank MacBride Jr.** has lived in Surfside for many years and has served two terms on the Town Commission. Mr. MacBride has served as Vice-Chair on Surfside's Planning and Zoning Board and actively participates in the Miami-Dade County League of Cities. He is the Chairperson for the Surfside Recreation Advisory Board and has just recently been appointed to lead the expansion of Surfside's recreational programming. He coordinated the 2003 "Family Fun Day" events at Surfside Park. He is an Assistant Principal in the Miami-Dade County Public School system and holds a Masters of Science Degree and Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education. Mr. MacBride graduated from Miami Beach High School after moving from Philadelphia, Pa. to Surfside with his parents in 1974. He later returned to raise a family and make Surfside his permanent home with his wife Randi and their two sons. As a parent, teacher and administrator, Mr. MacBride has been involved in education and youth programs for 24 years. He was nominated as Assistant Principal of the Year for the North Miami feeder pattern during the 2003 - 2004 school year. Mr. MacBride has been involved with the youth of our community and those in the surrounding area while serving in roles with the Boy Scouts of America including 8 years as Cub Master for Cub Scout Pack 320 at R. K. Broad Bay Harbor Elementary. He continues his involvement with the Cub Pack by maintaining what is still his current position, Committee Chairperson. He and his family have been involved in many volunteer roles in our community's schools.

MARCH 16, 2004 ELECTION

MAYOR NOVACK CONCLUDES TENURE OF SERVICE

Mayor Paul Novack, after serving as an elected official for 14 years, the last 12 as Mayor of the Town of Surfside, has decided not to seek re-election for another term. Mayor Novack has been elected 7 times (once as Commissioner, 6 times as Mayor). The record of his achievements as mayor is lengthy and enormously positive. His reputation and that of our Town have become extremely well known and respected throughout Florida.

"It has been a great honor to serve as Mayor for such a wonderful community, and I am extremely grateful to the people of Surfside for the opportunity I have had to represent them," said Novack.

"Through hard work and cooperative efforts, we have achieved many significant and positive results. I am looking forward to seeing Surfside continue its tremendous success as a great home town that always prioritizes the public interest in all of its policies, decisions and actions."

Paul Novack also serves as a member of the State of Florida Advisory and Oversight Board for the Miami-Dade County School District; he will continue in that capacity. He is also active in numerous community and public service roles and organizations, and in a wide range of legal pro bono work, and will continue his participation in these endeavors.

Novack, 45, is by far the longest serving mayor in Surfside's history. First elected mayor at the age of 33, he has been one of Florida's youngest, more energetic, and most widely respected and productive municipal leaders in the State.

Novack is an attorney in private practice in the Miami area, and is a member of a family that has been devoted to public service in South Florida for decades. Surfside joins together to congratulate Mayor Novack and to thank him, and his family, for their devotion, dedication and tremendous record of service to the people of our community.

THANK YOU ALAN RUBIN & MELBA MANERO

After twelve years of service on the Town Commission, Alan Rubin and Melba Manero have decided not to seek re-election this year. Both of these outstanding citizens have served our community with honor, integrity and distinction. They have produced many tangible, positive and people-oriented results for Surfside.

Alan Rubin is a computer systems and automobile industry data professional with a Masters Degree's in Computer Sciences. Alan's extensive service to the Surfside Community includes outstanding work in the positions of Vice Mayor, Commissioner, Liaison to the Planning and Zoning Board, as a member of the Planning and Zoning Board, as an officer of civic organizations, and as an active member of the community. Alan served Surfside as Vice Mayor longer than any other person ever to hold that position, and his numerous successes on matter of public policy have made a permanent and positive impact upon our community. Commissioner Rubin is one of the founders of Surfside's public interest zoning policies, and was instrumental in turning the tide away from over-development when he was elected to the Town Commission. Alan has also been actively involved in working to improve public education, government accountability on all levels, library and youth facilities, and in maintaining strict zoning standards here to protect the public interest and to preserve and enhance

Surfside's quality of life. Alan has earned a wonderful reputation as an advocate and representative of the Surfside community to all levels of government.

Melba Manero is a retired employee of the United Nations and UNESCO. She served as Head of Acquisitions for the UNESCO Library in Paris. Ms. Manero also served the United Nations in several countries as a documentalist and translator. She has been an Instructor at Smith College and at Saint Mary College and has advanced degrees in Philosophy and Library Science. Ms. Manero has also served for many years on Surfside's Holiday Fund Committee and has extensive experience in education and public service. Throughout her extensive service to the Surfside community, Melba has prioritized communication with and input from Town residents to make sure that our Town government remains responsive to the highest expectations of our residents. Working quietly and energetically, Melba has been outstanding in focusing on creating and maintaining first rate public services to all Town residents.

Surfside extends its sincere thanks, highest regards and best wishes to Alan Rubin and Melba Manero, two of the finest and most active residents in the Town's history.

SURFSIDE'S PUBLIC PROPERTIES: MAINTAINING NATURAL BEAUTY

The Town of Surfside places a high priority on maintaining all public properties in good and attractive condition and in keeping the entire community clean and sanitary. In fact, Surfside's maintenance and sanitation services have been lauded as among the nation's best.

The Town takes great pride in its Solid Waste service and the cost at which it is provided. The Town picks up garbage (household wastes) and trash (bulky waste and properly disposed of yard waste) every day of the week except Sunday. Most other municipalities provide much less service than Surfside does, and yet for a far higher cost. All of the Town's streets are swept regularly, and continuous attention is paid to all public areas including parks, playgrounds, sidewalks, recreation areas, public facilities, drainage systems, and underground utilities.

The Town is also a leader in promoting clean, save and attractive public beaches. Environmental, recreational and public health priorities are essential to the Town's management of all public areas. The State, County and Town have worked on removing non-native, intrusive plants from the beach, in improving cross-over paths to the shore, in enhancing the views and protection of the beaches' natural state, and in planning for this

summer the planting of native plant species along with other improvements to the dunes and walking path. Have a look at our beaches today, they are more beautiful than ever, and they provide everyone with the best possible views of and access to the Atlantic Ocean.

The Town continues to prevent any commercial activities or businesses from operating on the beach. The sand is cleaned and maintained by Miami-Dade County, and the beach areas are monitored and patrolled by Surfside. Our beaches are amongst the most beautiful and tranquil beaches. Our public beaches are used by residents and visitors every day of the year.

The Town is proud to recycle well over 500 tons of material a year and that number is increasing each year. Surfside also recently initiated a pilot program created by Vice Mayor Tim Will for composting with volunteers working together on creating this additional means of citizen participation in environmental conservation and preservation efforts.

As a community, Surfside will continue to manage and protect its resources in the best interests of our home town's present and future.